Extension of B.G. line from Silchar to Jiribam

2928. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when extension of broadgauge of [illegible] line from Silchar to Jiribam would be taken up;

(b) whether the survey work for conversion of the broadgauge line has been taken up and by when it would be completed; and

(c) the amount of funds allotted for this conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The survey has been completed. The conversion of Silchar-Jiribam line has been sanctioned as a Material Modification of the gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar section. The work would be started shortly. No target date has yet been fixed for completion of this work.

(c) Rs. 40 crores have been allotted during 1999-2000 for the entire project.

Fixing the rates of eatables at Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway Stations

2929. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any criteria for fixing the rates of all eatables, tea, coffee, cold drinks, etc. at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway Stations; and

(b) if so, what are the rates fixed for each of such eatables sold at catering/vending stalls, at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizammuddin Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The criteria for fixing the tariff of eatables are based on cost of raw material, preparation, packing and other overhead costs which include staff costs, transport, Sales Tax and other expenses. The rates of Standard meals/ breakfast and tea/coffee are fixed by Railway Board and for the other a-la-carte items such as fast food items and hot/cold beverages sold through automatic vending machines over Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway stations are fixed by Northern Railway.

(b) The rates fixed for eatables sold at catering/vending stalls at New Delhi, and Nizamuddin Railway stations are as under:—

S.No.	Item	Tariff
	Standard items fixed by Railway Board	Rs.
1	Tea in cups (150ml.)	2.00
2	Coffee in cups (150ml.)	3.00
3	Tea in pots (285ml.)	4.00
4	Coffee inpots (285ml.)	5.00
5	Mineral Water 1 litre bottle (chilled)	10.00
6	**Standard Breakfast (in casseroles)**	
	Vegetarian	12.00
	Non-vegetarian	15.00
7	Janata Khana (in card-board box)	5.00
8	Economy Meals (in casserole)	10.00

S.No.	Item	Tariff
9	**Casserole Meals**	
	Vegetarian	20.00
	Non-Vegetarian	24.00
10.	**Standard Thali meals**	
	Vegetarian	16.00
	Non-Vegetarian	22.00

S.No.	Item	Static Unit
	A-la-carte item fixed by Northern Railway	
1	Chicken curry 260 gms	28.00
2	Mutten Roghan Josh 275 gms	26.00
3	Mutten/Fish curry 225 gms	22.00
4	Mutten cutlets (2 pieces)	20.00
5	Fish Fried with chips 135 gms	22.00
6	Egg curry 240 gms.	14.00
7	Omellete (2 eggs)	8.00
8	Egg fried (2 eggs)	8.00
9	Eggs poached with one slice bread (2 eggs)	8.00
10	Mutter paneer 200 gms.	15.00
11	Allu mutter/cholley curry 225 gms.	8.00
12	Vegetable cutlets 2 pcs. 150 gms.	10.00
13	Vegetable pullav/Biryani 450 gms.	15.00
14	Rice boiled basmati 450 gms.	8.00
15	Corn flakes 235 gms.	7.00
16	Fruit salad with cream 110 gms.	10.00
17	Jam/marmalade 25 gms.	3.00
18	Butter portion 10 gms.	2.00
19	Bread slice large (2 pieces)	1.25
20	Palak Paneer 200 gms.	12.00
21	Squash 250 ml.	5.00
22	Sharbat 250 ml.	4.00
23	Kheer Rice/Sewia 140 gms	7.00
24	Custard 140 gms.	7.00
25	Stuffed Parantha 100 gms.	3.00
26	Salad 150 gms.	4.50
27	Boiled egg each	3.00
28	Idli with sambhar (50 gms, idli and 60 gms Sambhar)	2.00
29	Sada Vada (URD) with Sambhar (25gms vada and 50 gms sambhar)	2.00
30	Masala Vada with Sambhar (vada 30 gms. with 60 gms. sambhar)	2.00
31	Masala Dosa with sambhar 150 gms.	7.00
32	Plain Dosa with Sambhar (Dosa 70 gms with Sambhar 100 gms)	5.00
33	Espresso Coffee 150 ml.	4.00
34	Soup with one slice bread 150 ml.	7.00
35	Roast Chicken with boiled vegetable 350 gms.	32.00
36	Mutton Roast with Vegetable and Mint Sauce 350 gms.	28.00

S.No.	Item	Static Unit
37	Shami Kabah (2 pieces) 50 gms.	15.00
38	Dry Vegetable 165 gms.	8.00
39	Boiled vegetable 200 gms.	8.00
40	Chapati 25 gms.	0.75
41	Dal 165 gms.	5.00
42	Potatoo chips 100 gms.	6.00
43	Curd 100 gms.	2.50
44	Parantha 50 gms.	1.50
45	Jodhpuri Piyaj Ki Kachori 100 gms.	6.00
46	Rajmah Curry 200 gms.	5.00
47	Shikhanjavi 250 ml.	3.00
48	Rumali Roti 50 gms.	1.25
49	Bread Slice small each	0.50
50	Hamburger Non-vegetarian (65 gms.)	10.00
51	Paneer pakora 120 gms.	10.00
52	Hamburger vegetarian (50 gms.)	8.00
53	Vegetable sandwitch (2 pieces)	6.00

Running of trains by private parties

2930. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private parties are being allowed to run private trains in some sectors;

(b) if so, what are the companies so allowed and the sectors allotted; and

(c) what are the reasons for doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of global bids invited in 1994 letter of intent has been awarded to M/s Sterling Holiday Resorts (India) Ltd., Chennai for ownership, marketing and management of tourist trains on the following sectors:—

(i) Delhi-Jaipur-Agra-Gwalior-Jhansi (Khajuraho)-Varanasi-Lucknow-Delhi.

(ii) Bangalore-Mysore-Chennai-Kodaikanal Road-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum-Cochin-Mettupalayam (Ooty)-Bangalore.

(c) Promotion of inbound tourism by rail and to earn revenues for Railways.

इंण्डियन रेलवे कांफ्रेंस एसोसिएशन कोचिंग प्रशुल्क के अंतर्गत रेल भाड़े में स्थाई छूट

2931. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार आई०आर०सी०ए० कोचिंग प्रशुल्क के अंतर्गत रेल भाड़े में स्थाई रूप से लगभग 104 संस्थाओं को छूट दे रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेल भाड़े में दी जाने वाली छूट की क्या प्रक्रिया है तथा स्थाई रूप से छूट पाने वाली संस्थाओं के नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि लाइफ इटरनल ट्रस्ट, नई दिल्ली ने स्थाई छूट के लिए आवेदन किया था; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संस्था को स्थाई छूट न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी हां।

(ख) स्थायी रियायत हेतु अर्हक संगठनों के नाम दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। **[देखिए परिशिष्ट 186, अनुपत्र सं० 53]** प्रतिनिधियों को संबंधित संगठन के सचिव से अपेक्षित प्रमाणपत्र के साथ मुख्य वाणिज्य प्रबंधक, मंडल रेल प्रबंधक आदि